

EAST FORK of the VIRGIN RIVER  
Distribution System  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Thursday--February 9, 1961

SUMMARY

The Water Users of the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System met with representatives of the Utah State Engineer's Office at 1 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 1961, in the L.D.S. Church at Mount Carmel, Utah, to adopt a budget and an assessment to cover 1961 water distribution costs and to recommend a water commissioner for the 1961 season.

A budget of \$450.00 was set up, and the \$425.00 assessment is to be made on a ground acreage basis, each user or corporate user paying its percentage of the irrigated acreage total of the 1961 assessment.

Mr. Charles F. Hepworth of Orderville, Utah, was recommended to be the 1961 Water Commissioner for the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System.

INTRODUCTION

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office, conducted the meeting and opened with the Call of the meeting which was mailed to all the known water users on the East Fork of the Virgin River. He discussed the water supply forecast that covered the East Fork drainage basis and explained that the predicted below normal runoff would require a great deal more supervision than when there is plenty of water available.

The minutes of the 1960 annual meeting were read and approved.

The 1960 Financial Report for the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System was read by Mr. T. Vinton Smith, assistant business manager, Utah State Engineer's Office, and he explained that there was a balance of \$203.33 to begin the 1961 season. He also pointed out that a monthly basis for paying the commissioner should be established in 1961. The financial report was approved as read.

MEASURING DEVICES AND STREAM REGULATION

Mr. Norseth discussed the need for additional measuring devices and control structures on the East Fork of the Virgin River, and pointed out some of the recommendations which former commissioner, Mr. Birt Gardner of Mount Carmel, Utah, had made during the 1960 season. With the advent of a low water year, the stream would have to be regulated more closely, and water delivered rigidly according to rights and priorities.

1961 WATER COMMISSIONER

Mr. Norseth asked the group whom they might be able to recommend for 1961 water commissioner, since Mr. Gardner was killed in an automobile accident in the fall of 1960. The users recommended Floyd Johnson and Charles F. Hepworth, and in correspondence to the State Engineer an official recommendation of Mr. Hepworth for 1961 Water Commissioner was made on February 22, 1961.

1961 BUDGET

The users voted to retain the 1960 budget for the 1961 season and to increase the travel allowance from \$75.00 to \$100.00, which increased the total budget from \$425.00 to \$450.00. The 1961 budget is as follows:

Commissioner's Salary	\$300.00
Social Security Matching (3%)	9.00
Travel 1000 miles at \$0.10/mile	100.00
Bonds and Insurance	15.00
Commissioner's Annual Report	15.00
Miscellaneous expenses	11.00
Total	<u>\$450.00</u>

## 1961 ASSESSMENT

The Water Users voted to keep the 1960 assessment of \$425.00 and to draw the additional \$25.00 from their reserve of \$203.33. Their assessments are to be made on a ground acreage basis, and that each user would pay his percentage of the total acreage to come under the distribution system.

## AUTHORIZATION TO ASSESS

It was moved by Willard Mackelprang and seconded by Rex Bauer that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the water users of the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System in the amount of \$425.00 to cover the cost of water distribution for 1961, and that the assessment would be made on a percentage basis of the total irrigated acreage for each user or company.

## 1961 WATER USERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Willard Mackelprang and seconded by Lawrence Esplin that the three 1960 committee members be retained for 1961. Motion carried.

Rex Bauer made a motion to increase the committee to four members and that the new member should represent the water users at large. It was seconded by Willard Mackelprang and the motion carried.

The users were instructed to contact the State Engineer and to report the selection of the new committee member. This was also done in the February 22, 1961 letter, and Merrill McDonald of Kanab, Utah was chosen as member-at-large.

The following are members of the 1961 executive committee of the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System:

Charles C. Anderson, chm.  
Mark Chamberlain  
Sharon C. Lamb  
Merrill R. McDonald

Glendale, Utah  
Orderville, Utah  
Orderville, Utah  
Kanab, Utah

## WATER DISTRIBUTION MAP

A water supply and distribution map of the Virgin River Drainage Basin was shown to the water users by Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., distribution engineer, and several copies were given to the group. The map was made for general water distribution problem study, so that the water users might better understand the overall water picture of their particular part of the Virgin River Basin.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Attending the 1961 annual meeting of the East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System were:

Donald C. Norseth, distribution engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office.  
T. Vinton Smith, assistant business manager, Utah State Engineer's Office  
Henry Carroll, water user.  
Mark Chamberlain, Orderville Irrigation Company  
Charles C. Anderson, Glendale Irrigation Company  
Lawrence Esplin, Orderville Irrigation Company  
Sharon C. Lamb, Mt. Carmel Irrigation Company  
Merrill R. McDonald, water user.  
Willard Mackelprang, Pres., Glendale Irrigation Company  
Rex Bauer, Glendale Irrigation Company  
Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., distribution engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office.

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Minutes submitted by Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.